

BOWES and FREEDOM!

To the worthy Independent Free Bur-
gesſes of Newcastle upon Tyne-

Monday Afternoon, Four o'Clock.

AN Advertisment having appeared in the London papers, ſigned by Mr BOWES, ſignifying his intention of declining the Poll.—I think it incumbent on me to ſtate the matter to you as it really ſtands.—It is well known that on Wednesday laſt the friends of Mr Bowes, deſpairing of a junction with thoſe of Lord Mulgrave and Mr Delaval, who had received no advices from them, and other circumſtances, ſent off an expreſs, as they eſteemed it their duty, to diſſuade him from proceeding in the conteſt.

Letters were received from Lady STRATHMORE and Mr BOWES by other gentlemen and myſelf that night, which were followed every hour by freſh advices, containing the moſt poſitive aſſurances that he had met with the greateſt ſucceſs in London, and would certainly be down on SATURDAY or SUNDAY.

A coalition of parties did not take place until

FRIDAY MORNING,

when an expreſs was immediately diſpatched by the unanimous advice of all the Friends of Mr BOWES, making a point of his immediate attendance, and others have ſince been diſpatched to the ſame effect.

Unfortunately, the expreſs of WEDNESDAY, contrary to our expectation, found him in London, which has occaſioned the preſent advertiſment. This gentlemen, is the real ſtate of the caſe. All his friends, as well as myſelf, are confident that he



Will certainly be here,

in conſequence of the intelligence he has received from us SINCE FRIDAY. That theſe facts may not reſt on my authority alone, I beg leave to refer you to any of his particular friends and agents.

Let me intreat you therefore, gentlemen, not to be ſhaken or ſeduced by any arts of Mr BOWES's opponents, as in loſing him, I can venture to ſay, you will loſe a faithful, able, and vigilant defender of your rights and privileges.

The canvas affords the moſt ſanguine proſpect of ſucceſs, and you need entertain no doubts that he will be PRESENT to ſupport you,

I am,

With the higheſt Reſpect,

Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient ſervant,

GEORGE GREIVE.

Newcaſtle, Feb. 24, 1777.